

The genus *Cahara* Ghauri, 1978 of China (Hemiptera, Heteroptera, Pentatomidae, Halyini) with descriptions of two new species

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Abstract

Cahara Ghauri from China with three species is reviewed here. Two of them, *C. incisura* sp. n. and *C. nodula* sp. n. are described here. Key to the three Chinese species, habitus photographs and illustrations of genitalia are also provided. All examined materials including the types of three species mentioned are deposited in the Institute of Entomology, Nankai University, Tianjin, China (NKUM).

Keywords

Hemiptera, Heteroptera, Pentatomidae, *Cahara*, China, new species

Introduction

Ghauri (1978) erected a new genus *Cahara* of Halyini to accommodate three species formerly belonged to genus *Dalpada* Amyot & Serville, 1843, and the other six new species. Later in 1986, Zheng and Liu (1986) reported one new species *C. tibetana* found in China.

Xu and Zheng (1993) discussed the phylogenetic relationships of the nine genera of *Dalpada*-group including *Cahara* based on 18 morphological characters. Hasan and

Kitching (1993) make a cladistic analysis of 21 tribes in Pentatomidae, and suggest a monophyletic clade as “megarrhamphine tribal-group” to accommodate Halyini, Megarrhamphini, Tetrodini and Phyllocephalini. Wall (2004) also states that the Halyini is not monophyletic. Memon et al. (2011) make a phylogenetic analysis using 61 morphological characters from 31 genera of south Asian Halyini, and the single most parsimonious tree shows that *Ameridalpa* Ghauri, 1982 is the sister group to *Cahara*, while the bootstrap support value is under 50%. Later Barão et al. (2012) point out that the analysis of Memon et al. (2011) has some under-developed aspects.

Here we do not discuss the status of *Cahara* in Halyini, since both the monophyly and definition of Halyini are doubted. Memon et al. (2011) only define the south Asian Halyini, and indicate that the inclusions in the Halyini of many genera from other parts of the world is under discussion, but *Cahara* has always been placed in Halyini (Ghauri 1978, Zheng and Liu 1986, Xu and Zheng 1993, Memon 2002, Rider 2006, Memon et al. 2011). In this paper two new species from China are described. So far totally twelve species of *Cahara* are recorded.

Materials and methods

Male genitalia were illustrated after treatment with warm 2% NaOH solution for about 30–50 min, while female genitalia were illustrated directly. Photographs of both dorsal and ventral habitus were made using a Nikon SMZ1000. All measurements are in millimeters. All the studied specimens including the examined types are deposited in the Institute of Entomology, Nankai University, Tianjin, China (NKUM). The terminology of aedeagus follows Konstantinov and Gapon (2005), pygophore follows Schaefer (1977), female genitalia follows Schaefer (1967).

Taxonomic part

Cahara Ghauri, 1978

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Cahara Ghauri 1978: 163; Rider 2006: 305; Xu and Zheng 1993: 18; Memon 2002: 117; Memon et al. 2011: 1049.

Type species. *Dalpada brevivitta* Walker, 1867 by original designation.

Key to Chinese species of *Cahara*

- 1 Lateral margin of each mandibular plate with an angular process before eye (Figs 3a–b); ventral margin of male pygophore with two mesial processes originating from one stem (Fig. 29) *C. tibetana* Zheng & Liu, 1986

- Lateral margin of each mandibular plate without any angular process before eye (Figs 1a–b, 2a–c); ventral margin of male pygophore without above processes 2
- 2 Apex of clypeus broad, mandibular plates not convergent at the apex (Figs 2a–c); humeral angles distinctly elevated (Fig. 5); rostrum passing beyond the middle of the 4th sternum; ventral margin of male pygophore without process (Fig. 21) *C. nodula* sp. n.
- Apex of clypeus narrow, mandibular plates convergent at the apex (Figs 1a–b); humeral angles not elevated (Fig. 4); rostrum reaching the middle of 3rd sternum; ventral margin of male pygophore with two lateral separated processes (Fig. 13) *C. incisura* sp. n.

***Cahara incisura* Fan & Liu, sp. n.**

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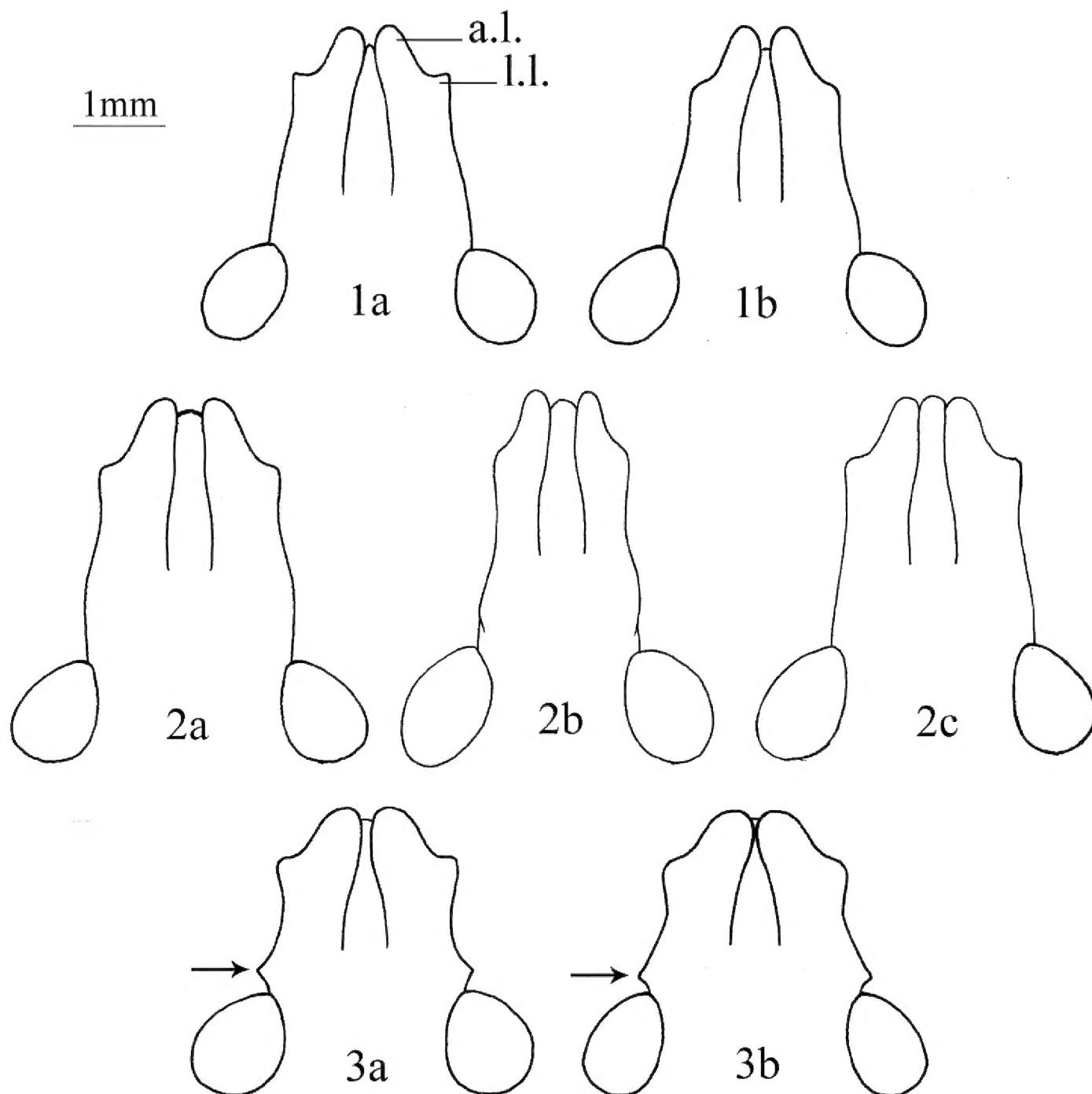
Figs 1a–1b, 4, 7–8, 13–20

Type material. Holotype male, pinned, **CHINA: Sichuan Province:** Mianning County, Liangshan Prefecture, 29. VIII. 2008, Kai DANG leg. **Paratypes:** all pinned, **CHINA: Sichuan Province:** 1 female, same data as holotype; 1 male, with genitalia in a separate microvial, same data as holotype.

Diagnosis. Rostrum reaching the middle of 3rd sternum, pronotal humeral angles not elevated upwards, apical meeting trend of mandibular plates are all similar to *C. tibetana*. But *C. tibetana* has a distinct angular process before each eye along the lateral margin of mandibular plate, mandibular plates about equal to or slightly longer than clypeus. While in this new species, mandibular plates are always longer than the clypeus, lateral margins of head sinuate and with no angular process before eye.

Body size Male, length 16.0mm, width between humeral angles 8.0mm. Female, length 17.0mm, width between humeral angles 8.5mm.

Description. Color and puncturing. Dorsum fuscous, darkly and thickly punctured, with several obscure patches formed by dense punctures: four or five longitudinal strips on the pronotum, five on the scutellum (one short oblique strip near each arcuate callus behind the fovea of scutellar basal angle, one patch on central disk, two short longitudinal stripes at the level of the posterior apices of frena), two or three patches on each corium. Scutellar apex paler and punctures finer. Calli on the anterior disk of pronotum ochraceous with punctures in the middle. Humeral angles piceous, tips a little pale, with several transverse furrows and wrinkles on the dorsal base. Hemelytral membrane fuliginous, except apices of veins paler. Head beneath black, except buccula and one obscure strip behind each antenniferous tubercle ochraceous. Thoracical pleura thickly and darkly punctured, each episternum with an ochraceous, laevigate and arcuate fascia distally. Mesosternum black strips laterally. Legs ochraceous, with irregular brown spots, tibiae paler in the middle third and darker in the apical third, first two tarsal segment and apex of the third one

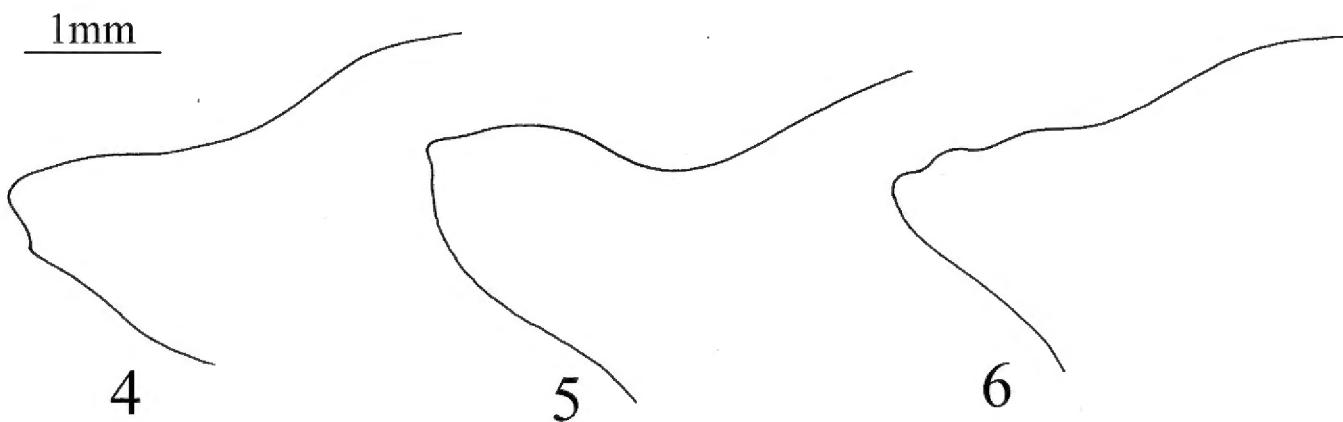


Figures 1–3. Heads in dorsal view. **1a–b.** *Cahara incisura* sp. n. (a holotype, b paratype). **2a–c** *C. nodula* sp. n. (a holotype, b paratype, c paratype) **3a–b** *C. tibetana* (a holotype, b allotype). (a.l. apical lobe of mandibular plate, l.l. lateral lobe of mandibular plate).

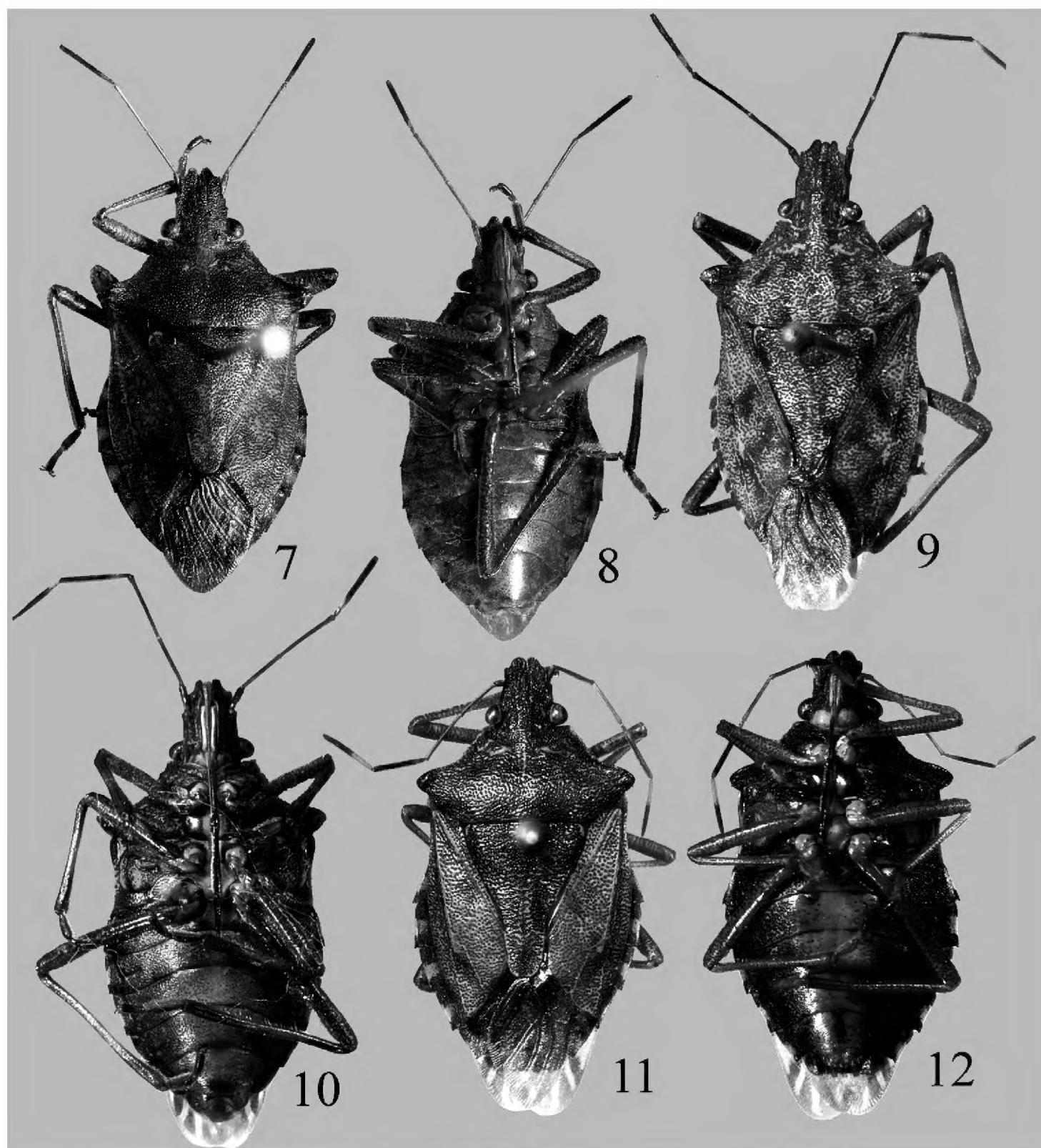
white dorsally. Ventral abdomen smooth at center, punctures gradually getting denser laterally. Middle third of each laterotergite with a transverse brown impunctate stripe.

Structure. Head. Mandibular plates longer than clypeus, apices with meeting trend but still separated, forming an incision before clypeus. Lateral lobes of mandibular plates are found angulate in the male holotype and the female paratype (Fig. 1a), but obtuse in the male paratype (Fig. 1b). Buccula with anterior angle not produced, gradually evanescent posteriorly. Antennae ochraceous, darker to the end, antennomere I paler except each lateral side, base of antennomere IV and basal third of antennomere V stramineous, IV>V>III>II>I in length. Rostrum reaching the middle of 3rd sternum, apex of 1st segment equal to the posterior end of buccula.

Thorax. Pronotum with anterior margin slightly convex in the middle, anterior angle produced laterad, anterolateral margins concave, crenulate along the anterior



Figures 4–6. Right humeral angles in cephalic view. **4** *Cahara incisura* sp. n. **5** *C. nodula* sp. n. **6** *C. tibetana*.



Figures 7–12. *Cahara* spp. **7–8** *C. incisura* sp. n., holotype **9–10** *C. nodula* sp. n., holotype **11–12** *C. tibetana*, allotype.

half, crenulation getting weaker posteriorly. Humeral angles horn-like, apices obtuse, slightly produced and not elevated upwards. Hemelytral membrane longer than the abdominal end. Peritreme groove shaped according to Kment and Vilímová (2010), which is narrow, long, curved, apex rounded, median furrow is well developed in most of its length. A narrow and long carina along the midline of mesosternum.

Abdomen. Connexiva exposed broadly, posterior angles sharp and produced. Mesial groove on ventral side not distinct.

Male genitalia. Ventral rim of pygophore with two separated processes on both lateral sides. Suspensory apodeme and infoldings of lateral rims developed. Paramere L-shaped, stem with a short basal process, apex of blade obtuse without any distinct process. Phallotheca cylindric, with a mesial process on the base of ventral side. Aedeagus with a pair of dorsal conjunctival processes, sclerotized and fingerlike, a trifurcate membranous conjunctival lobe, a pair of ventral conjunctival processes, slightly sclerotized. Median penial plates oblong and narrow, about as long as the protrudent vesica.

Female genitalia. Paler in color, punctured on gonocoxites I and paratergites VIII, punctures on gonocoxites I finer. Mesial margins of gonocoxites I narrowly black, meeting each other along the basal halves, lateral margins of the fingerlike processes not vertical. Gonocoxite II with a transverse tumescent beam full of setae. Paratergits IX obtuse apically, slightly passing beyond the posterior margin of 8th sternum. Paratergites VIII not protrudent apically.

Etymology. The species name, *incisura*, refers to the longer mandibular plates that always leave an incision before clypeus. It's feminine.

Distribution. Southwest China (Sichuan)

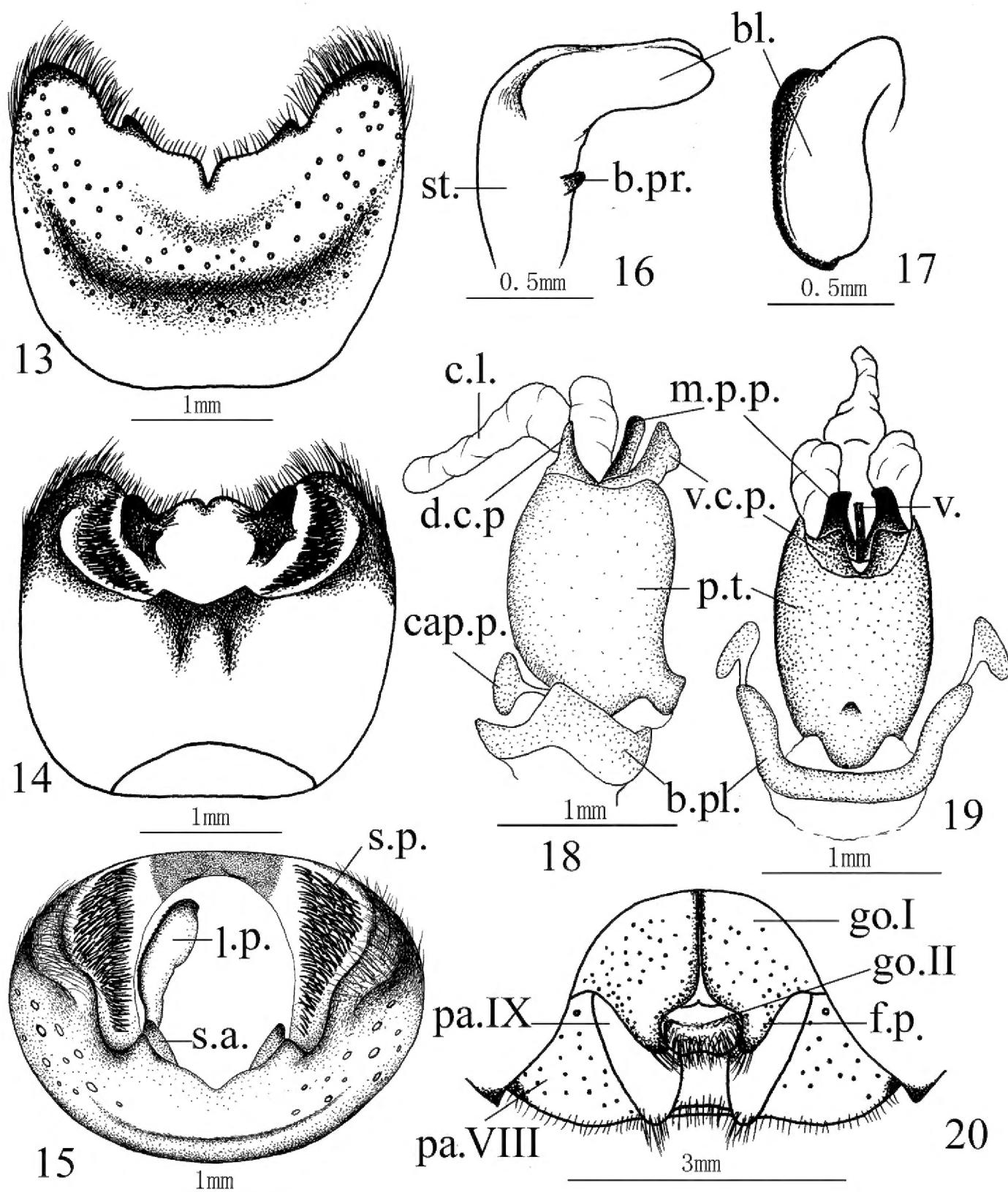
***Cahara nodula* Fan & Liu, sp. n.**

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Figs 2a–2c, 5, 9–10, 21–28

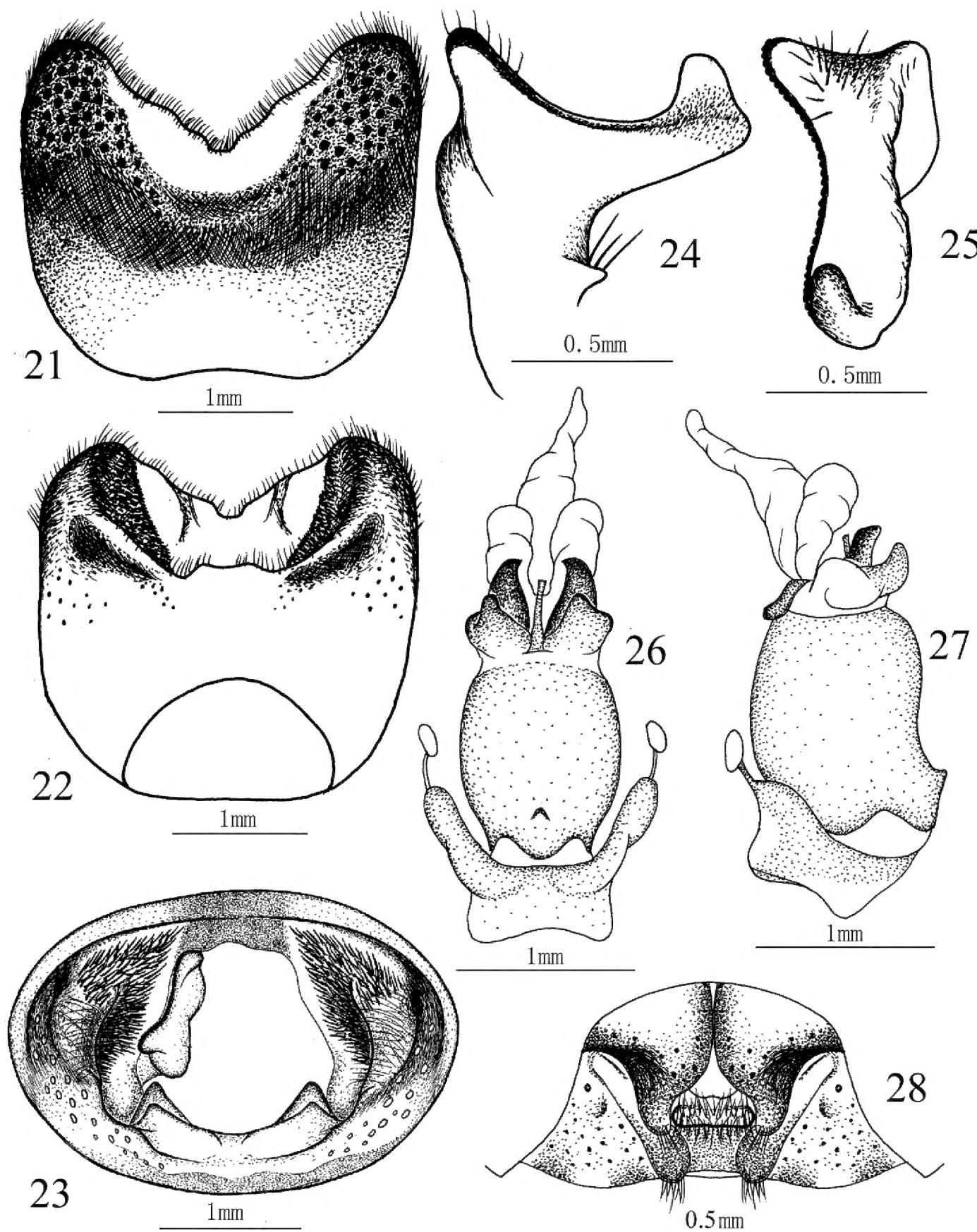
Type material. Holotype male, pinned, **CHINA: Yunnan Province:** Xiang Mount., 5. VIII. 1979, Huan–guang ZOU leg. **Paratypes:** all pinned, **CHINA: Yunnan Province:** 1 female, same place and collector as holotype, 2. VIII. 1979; 1 female, same place as holotype, 15.VIII.1979, Zuo–pei LING leg.; 2 males (one with genitalia in a separate microvial), 1 female, Kunming, VII. 1957; 1 female, same data as above except date, IV. 1986; 1 female, same data as above except date, V. 1986; 1 female, same data as above except date, VII. 1986; 1 male, same data as above except date, 17. VI. 1988; 1 male, Anning City, 12. V. 1988, Yun–xu WANG leg.; 1 female, Wushan Town, Mile County, alt. 2000m, 20. V. 1979, Guang–qiang YIN leg.; 1 male, with genitalia in a separate microvial, Santai Village, Dayao County, 13. VI. 1978; 1 female, Dayao County, VIII. 1980; 1 female, Dechang County, VI. 1958; 1 female, Weishan County, 4. VI. 1978; **CHINA: Guizhou Province:** 2 males, Huaxi District, Guiyang City, 23. V. 1987; 1 female, Changming Town, alt. 1050m, 9. IX. 2000, Chuan–ren LI leg.; 1 female, Fanjing Mount., alt. 1300m, 1. VIII. 2001, Wei–bing ZHU leg.



Figures 13–20. *Cahara incisura* sp. n. **13–15** Pygophore (13 ventral view, 14 dorsal view, 15 caudal view) **16–17** Paramere (16 lateral view, 17 caudal view) **18–19** Aedeagus (18 lateral view, 19 ventral view) **20** Female genitalia. (bl. blade, b.pl. basal plate, b.pr. basal process, cap.p. capitate process, c.l. conjunctival lobe, d.c.p. dorsal conjunctival process, f.p. fingerlike process, go.I gonocoxite I, go.II gonocoxite II, l.p. left paramere, m.p.p. median penial plate, pa.VIII paratergite VIII, pa.IX paratergite IX, p.t. phallotheca, s.a. suspensory apodeme, s.p. setal patch, st. stem, v. vesica, v.c.p. ventral conjunctival process)

Diagnosis. Humeral angles nodular and elevated upwards (Fig. 5), rostrum longer to pass beyond the middle of the 4th sternum, mandibular plates without meeting trend apically, 1st rostral segment passing beyond the posterior end of buccula, ventral rim of pygophore without any distinct processes (see discussion part).

Body size. Male, length 16.0–18.0 mm, width between humeral angles 8.0–8.8 mm. Female, length 19.0–20.0 mm, width between humeral angles 9.0–10.0 mm.



Figures 21–28. *Cahara nodula* sp. n. **21–23** Pygophore (21 ventral view, 22 dorsal view, 23 caudal view) **24–25** Paramere (24 lateral view, 25 caudal view) **26–27** Aedeagus (26 ventral view, 27 lateral view). **28** Female genitalia.

Description. Color and puncturing Very similar to *C. incisura*, but with some differences: Punctures on dorsal head denser, while sparser and finer on the endocorium, pronotum with four or five longitudinal strips, laevigate parts of calli more distinct.

Structure. Head. Mandibular plates about equal to clypeus or slightly longer than clypeus, apices porrect and having not convergent, both apical and lateral lobes obtuse

distally, lateral margins before eye sinuate and without any distinct process. Apex of clypeus broadly exposed (Figs 2a–c). Antennae brown, antennomere I paler, with a longitudinal black strip laterally, apical two third of antennomere IV and apical half of antennomere V black, IV>III≥V>II>I in length. Buccula low, anterior angles pointed and protrudent, outer margins straight. Rostrum with 1st joint extending beyond the buccula, apex reaching to the middle of 4th sternum.

Thorax. Pronotum with anterior half depressed and posterior half tumescent, anterior margin broad, sinuate, slightly convex mesially, anterior angle small, angulate and produced laterad, anterolateral margins crenulate, humeral angles nodular, protrudent, elevated upwards. Scutellum longer than width, basal disk and longitudinal midline tumescent. Meso sternum flat with a mesial narrow carina. Peritreme similar to *C. incisura*. Hemelytral corium longer than scutellum, membrane extending beyond the abdominal end.

Abdomen. Connexiva exposed, posterior angles pointed and produced. Venter, from 3rd to 6th abdominal sternite, with a mesial shallow groove.

Male genitalia. Ventral rim of pygophore V-shaped excavated, sinuate along the margin but without distinct process. Suspensory apodeme and infoldings of lateral rims developed. Paramere L-shaped, stem broad with a small basal process, blade long with an apical process and a basal process, these two processes all directed caudad. Aedeagus with paired sclerotized dorsal conjunctival processes, a trifurcate membranous conjunctival lobe, and a pair of slightly sclerotized ventral conjunctival processes. Median penial plates oblong, apices obtusely angulate. Vesica slim, protrudent.

Female genitalia. Outer margins of gonocoxites I black, so are the apical halves of paratergites IX, pratergites VIII thickly punctured. Gonocoxites I strongly sinuate mesially, broadly and distinctly depressed in the middle of the lateral margins so the fingerlike processes bent dorsally and almost vertical. Apices of fingerlike processes reaching the apical third of paratergites IX. Gonocoxite II with a transverse tumescent beam. Paratergite IX base with a short oblique ridge, apex passing a little beyond the posterior margin of 8th sternum. Paratergites VIII obtuse distally.

Etymology. The name, *nodula*, refers to the bulbous, distinct nodular humeral angles of pronotum. It's feminine.

Distribution. Southwest China (Guizhou, Yunnan)

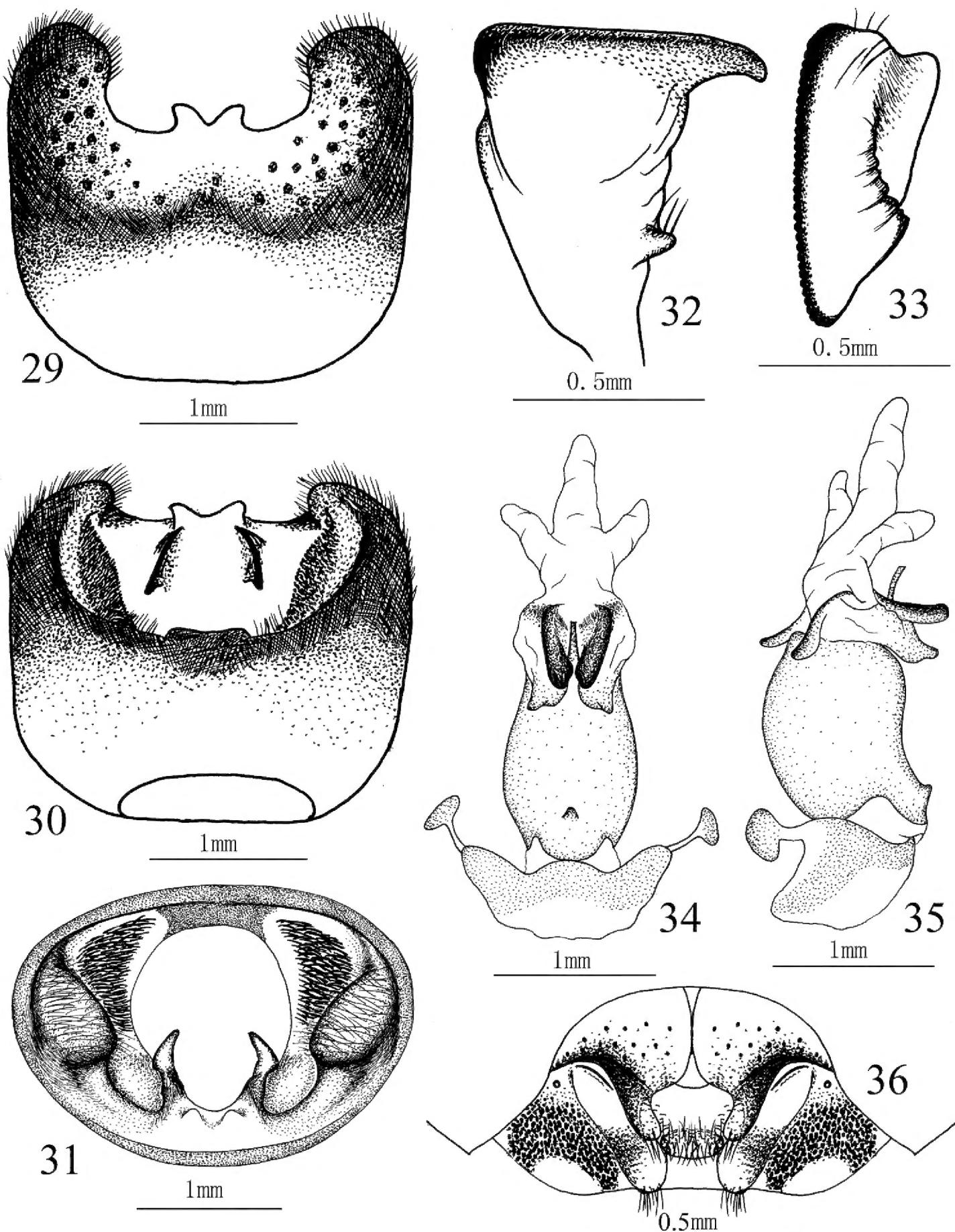
***Cahara tibetana* Zheng & Liu, 1986**

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Figs 3a, b, 6, 11–12, 29–36

Cahara tibetana Zheng and Liu 1986: 163; Rider 2006: 305; Xu and Zheng 1993: 18.

Type material examined. **Holotype**, male, pinned, with genitalia in a separate microvial, **CHINA: Xizang Autonomous Region**: Chayu County, alt. 1700m, 26. VI. 1978, Fa-sheng LI leg. **Allotype**, 1 female, pinned, same data as holotype.



Figures 29–36. *Cahara tibetana* Zheng & Liu. **29–31** Pygophore (29 ventral view, 30 dorsal view, 31 caudal view) **32–33** Paramere (32 lateral view, 33 caudal view) **34–35** Aedeagus (34 ventral view, 35 lateral view) **36** Female genitalia.

Other material examined. CHINA: Xizang Autonomous Region: 1 female, Dongjiu Nature Reserve, 21. IX. 2007, Fu–min SHI leg.; 1 female, Motuo County, alt. 800m, VIII. 1984.

Diagnosis. See diagnosis of *C. incisura* sp. n. Besides, in this species, two processes on the ventral rim of pygophore connected basally, suspensory apodeme longer than those in the other two species, stem of paramere broad with two lateral margins not parallel. Gonocoxites I depressed along the lateral margin and fingerlike processes bent dorsally like *C. nodula*, but the transverse tumescent beam of gonocoxite II shorter in this species.

Distribution. Southwest China (Xizang)

Discussion

Ghauri (1978) gives both the external and internal diagnostic characters of *Cahara* to distinguish it from *Dalpada* s.s. Some of them are cited and discussed as follows:

1. “Juga longer than tylus”. There are variations at least in *C. nodula* sp. n. and *C. tibetana*, but it’s true that “juga” is never found shorter than “tylus”.
2. “Pygophore, ventral margin with more or less deep concavity with a pair of median lobes.” The mesial concavity is also present in many species of *Dalpada*. But the paired median processes play a vital role to identify the genus. It happens in most of the species of *Cahara*, but not in *C. nodula* sp. n.
3. “Female genitalia: ... first valvifer produced posteriorly.” In our views, this finger-like process elongated from the posterior apex of gonocoxite I is the most effective diagnostic character to distinguish *Cahara* from the other genera of Pentatominae in which it’s rare. *Izharocoris* Afzel & Ahmad, 1981 (Pentatomidae: Halyini) is the other related genus that some of its species share this character. But it’s different for having paramere with both the inner and the outer processes (Memon 2002) while only one inner basal process in *Cahara* (Figs 16, 24, 32). We placed the two new species in *Cahara* mainly basing on this point.
4. Ghauri (1977) indicates that *Sarju* is closely related to *Cahara*, and “the absence of median lobes in the concave ventral margin of pygophore” in *Sarju* is diagnostic. But as an exception, *C. nodula* sp. n. has no such “median lobes” either. The other useful diagnostic character is the antennomere II “distinctly bowed and appreciably swollen at apex” in *Sarju* instead of *Cahara* (Ahmad and Afzal 1984).

Those twelve *Cahara* spp. (nine species recorded by Ghauri (1978), three others here) are very similar by outlook. The useful characters to distinguish them are: the shapes of ventral rim of male pygophore, paramere distal apex, finger-like processes of gonocoxites I. By comparing the ventral rims of pygophore, the two new species *C. incisura* and *nodula* can be easily recognized from the five species of which male specimens are described in Ghauri (1978) (*C. brevivitta* (Walker), *C. murreeana* (Ghauri), *C. montana* (Ghauri), *C. kightleyi* (Ghauri), *C. jugatoria* (Lethierry)). While the other four species with only females described can be excluded by female genitalia characters (1. *C. confusa* (Distant), mandibular plates meeting in front of clypeus, paratergites

Table 1. Distribution information of twelve *Cahara* species.

Species	Locality	Geographic coordinates
<i>C. bhowaliana</i>	Bhowali, India	29.3833°N, 79.5167°E
	Simla, India	31.1046°N, 77.1734°E
<i>C. brevivitta</i>	Murree, Pakistan	33.9065°N, 73.3937°E
	*Koozagali, Pakistan	?
	*Cahar (Bowring), India	?
<i>C. chaubattia</i>	Chaubattia, India	29.6137°N, 79.4563°E
<i>C. confusa</i>	Murree, Pakistan	33.9065°N, 73.3937°E
<i>C. incisura</i> sp. n.	Mianning, China	28.5496°N, 102.1770°E
<i>C. jugatoria</i>	Kurseong, India	26.8800°N, 88.2783°E
	Gantok, Sikkim, India	27.3389°N, 88.6065°E
	*Himalayas Terai, India	?
<i>C. kightleyi</i>	Simla, India	31.1046°N, 77.1734°E
	Mashobra, India	31.1296°N, 77.2283°E
<i>C. metallica</i>	*Hardwicke Bequest, ??	?
	*??, Nepal	?
<i>C. montana</i>	Roorkee, India	29.8543°N, 77.8880°E
	Nainital, India	29.3803°N, 79.4636°E
	Almora, India	29.5984°N, 79.6615°E
	Ranikhet, India	29.6434°N, 79.4322°E
	Mussoorie, India	30.4553°N, 78.0741°E
<i>C. murreeana</i>	Murree, Pakistan	33.9065°N, 73.3937°E
	Ghora gali, Pakistan	33.8874°N, 73.3620°E
<i>C. nodula</i> sp. n.	Xiang Mount., China	26.8910°N, 100.2160°E
	Anning City, China	24.9594°N, 102.4821°E
	Huaxi, China	26.3331°N, 107.1949°E
	Changming, China	27.8407°N, 108.7735°E
	Fanjing Mount., China	26.6474°N, 106.6301°E
<i>C. tibetana</i>	Chayu, China	28.6613°N, 97.4669°E
	Dongjiu, China	29.9601°N, 94.7792°E
	Motuo, China	29.3253°N, 95.3332°E

IX with inner margins bisinuate; 2. *C. chaubattia* (Ghauri), gonocoxites I with inner margins entirely separated from each other; 3. *C. bhowaliana* (Ghauri), processes of gonocoxites I much longer, passing beyond gonocoxites II; 4. *C. metallica* (Ghauri), finger-like processes of gonocoxites I very narrow, short and sharp, gonoxites II exposed widely. All the above distinctive characters are not existing in both *C. incisura* sp. n. and *nodula* sp. n.)

According to Ghauri (1978), the genus *Cahara* occurs in the subhimalayan region of India, Pakistan and Nepal, while the three species from southwest China are obviously from the northern Himalayan region. Till now, no distribution overlap between the southern and northern Himalayan species was found. We tried to make a distribution map (Fig. 37) of the twelve species of *Cahara* based on the published

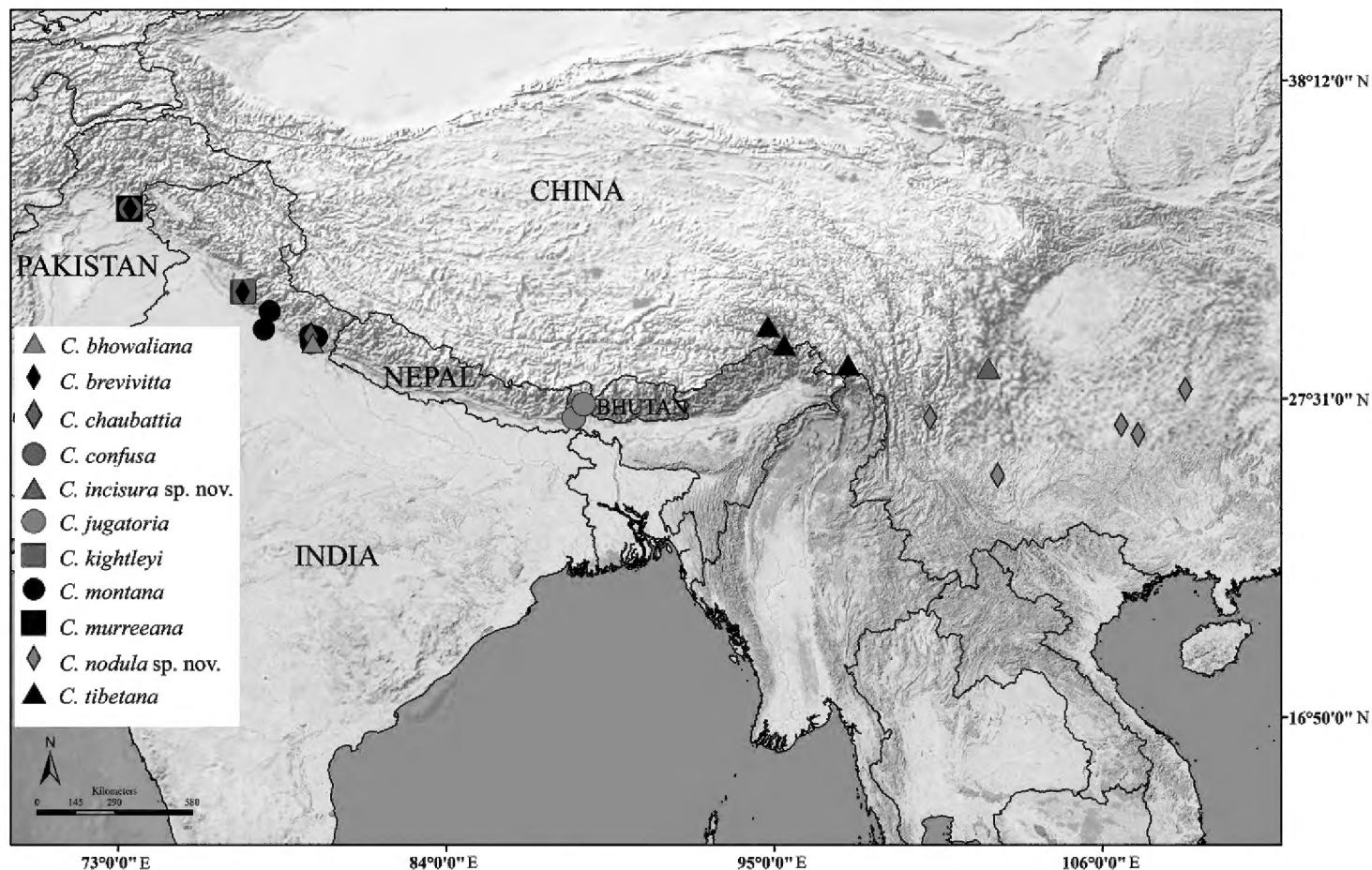


Figure 37. Geographical distribution of eleven *Cahara* spp.

distribution information (Ghauri 1978, Zheng and Liu 1986), but only eleven are showed on the map. The only two localities of *C. metallica* as well as several other localities, mentioned by “*” and “?” in Table 1, are excluded, because they look too obscure for mapping.

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